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CRV Computations

*For questions about CRV Computations,
please call Dealer Services at (916) 323-3462*

California Redemption Value (CRV) is a regulatory fee collected for the purpose of assuring the return for recycling of a greater percentage of the beverage containers sold in this state.

CRV is subject to sales tax only if the sale of the beverage is subject to sales tax.

The following table is designed to assist dealers in determining CRV charges for applicable containers sold as singles, 6 packs, 12 packs, etc. Dealers in unserved zones who are required to redeem empty beverage containers in their stores should buy back containers according to this table.

Effective July 1, 2007

Number of Containers	Less than 24 oz.	24oz. or more
1	\$.05	\$.10
2	.10	.20
3	.15	.30
4	.20	.40
5	.25	.50
6*	.30	.60
7	.35	.70
8	.40	.80
9	.45	.90
10	.50	1.00
11	.55	1.10
12~	.60	1.20
13	.65	1.30
14	.70	1.40
15	.75	1.50
16	.80	1.60
17	.85	1.70
18	.90	1.80
19	.95	1.90
20	1.00	2.00
21	1.05	2.10
22	1.10	2.20
23	1.15	2.30
24^	1.20	2.40

* Rate per six pack

~ Rate per twelve pack

^ Rate per case (twenty-four pack)



Questions regarding California Redemption Value (CRV) Beverages, please call the Beverage Manufacturers & Distributor Services at (916) 323-3263

Section 14504 of the California Beverage Container Recycling and Liter Reduction Act defines “**beverage**” as beer and other malt beverages, wine and distilled spirit coolers (containing no more than 7% alcohol by volume), carbonated water (including soda and carbonated mineral water), noncarbonated soft drinks and “sport” drinks, coffee and tea drinks, carbonated and noncarbonated fruit drinks, and vegetable juice in beverage containers 16 oz or less.

The following are some of the common **non-CRV** items on which CRV should not be charged:

- **Products not intended for human consumption**
- **Products not in liquid or “ready to drink” form**
- **Wine**
- **Distilled spirits**
- **100% fruit juice in containers 46 oz or greater**
- **Milk**
- **Medical food**
- **Infant formula**
- **Beverages in containers not made of aluminum, glass, plastic or BiMetal**

Beverage retailers (*dealers*) overcharging CRV or charging for non-CRV containers may be liable under Section 12024.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

Business and Professions Code, Division 5 Weights and Measures, Chapter 1, Section 12024.2

Computation of untrue value at time of sale; misdemeanor; infraction; punishment.

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to compute, at the time of sale of a commodity, a value which is not a true extension of a price per unit which is then advertised, posted, or quoted, or to charge, at the time of sale of a commodity, a value which is more than the price which is then advertised, posted, or quoted...
- (b) A violation of this section is an infraction when the difference between the value actually computed and the total true value of the commodity offered for sale (pursuant to the advertised, posted, or quoted price per unit) is not more than one dollar (\$1) greater than the true value of the commodity offered for sale. The violation is punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).